



Rockford Police Department

Record Management System (NetRMS)

Beginning January 1, 2006, the Rockford Police Department implemented a new police report writing and records management system called NetRMS. NetRMS incorporates NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System) reporting which collects comprehensive data about a crime incident. NIBRS reporting replaces the traditional Summary UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) that has been in place in the country since 1930.

UCR summaries report the total number of incidents and arrests made for only eight offenses, commonly known as Part I offenses. Arrests only for certain drug related incidents are also reported. Under UCR, the most severe offense in an incident is reported and all lesser offenses go unreported when no arrest is made.

*NIBRS collects data on 46 specific crimes known as Group A offenses and 11 additional Group B offenses. NIBRS also captures **all** offenses completed in a particular incident as well as characteristics of both victims and perpetrators. NIBRS can produce a more detailed, accurate and meaningful account of what happened in an incident. The Rockford Police Department will not only be able to give accurate counts of offenses and clearances that occur, we will also be able to identify common crime problems and trends through analysis of the data.*

For example, if a Forced Entry Residential Burglary occurred, an offense of Criminal Damage to Property would be reported in addition to the Burglary. Other information such as the type of tools that were used to gain access, what was damaged and the type of security are also reported.

On December 7, 2006 the Rockford Police Department achieved NIBRS Certification by the FBI. The Rockford Police Department is the first agency in the state of Illinois to adopt NIBRS reporting and is only the third in the nation who reports their crime statistics directly to the FBI.

In February 2007, the Rockford Police Department will begin to publish statistics referencing the new NIBRS offense categories.

It should be noted that a single incident can contain many offenses. Statistics will be gathered for every offense that has occurred in an incident. If an incident is cleared by an arrest, all offenses within that incident are also cleared.

Fig. 1 is an example of a traditional Summary UCR report that the Rockford Police Department sends to the Illinois State Police every month. It highlights the more severe Group 1 offenses and related arrests that occurred in Rockford. This report will no longer be published.

Fig. 1

Illinois State Police Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program Monthly Crime Index Form								
Agency Name: ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT					NCIC #: IL1010400			
Contact Person: Roger Ratze					Phone #: (815) 987-5916			
INDEX CRIME OFFENSES								
MONTH/ YEAR	MURDER	CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT- BATTERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	ARSON
02/06	2	17	31	47	152	403	48	1
INDEX CRIME ARRESTS								
MONTH/ YEAR	MURDER	CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT- BATTERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	ARSON
02/06	1	3	2	18	14	102	8	1
DRUG CRIME ARRESTS								
MONTH/ YEAR	VIOLATIONS OF THE CANNABIS CONTROL ACT		VIOLATIONS OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT		VIOLATIONS OF THE HYPODERMIC SYRINGES AND NEEDLES ACT		VIOLATIONS OF THE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ACT	
02/06	37		28		0		10	
<p>The following offense/arrest codes should be included in each category. Do not include unfounded (offense status = 00) or referred (offense status = 01) crimes.</p> <p>Murder - 0110 & 0130 (do not include attempts) Criminal Sexual Assault - 0260, 0261, 0262, 0261 (include attempts) Robbery - 0310, 0320, 0325, 0326, 0330 (include attempts) Aggravated Assault & Battery - 0410, 0480, 0485, 0490, 0495, 0510 (include attempted murders) Burglary - 0610, 0625, 0650 (include attempts) Theft - 0710, 0720, 0730, 0760, 0810, 0820, 0860, 0865, 0870, 0880, 0890, 0895 (include attempts) Motor Vehicle Theft - 0910 (include attempts) Arson - 1010 & 1025 (include attempts) Cannabis Control Act Violations - 1811, 1812, 1821, 1822, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1900 Controlled Substances Act Violations - 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, 2070, 2080 Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act Violations - 2110 & 2120 Drug Paraphernalia Act Violations - 2160 & 2170</p>								
<p>Please return the completed form to the address listed below by the 10th day of the following month.</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Illinois State Police Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program 726 South College Street Post Office Box 3677 Springfield, Illinois 62708-3677</p> <p>Call I-UCR program staff at (217) 782-3310 if you have any questions regarding this form.</p>								

Fig. 2 is an example of a report that shows a year-to-year comparison of traditional Summary UCR data and associated clearance rates. This report will be published through the end of 2006.

Fig. 2

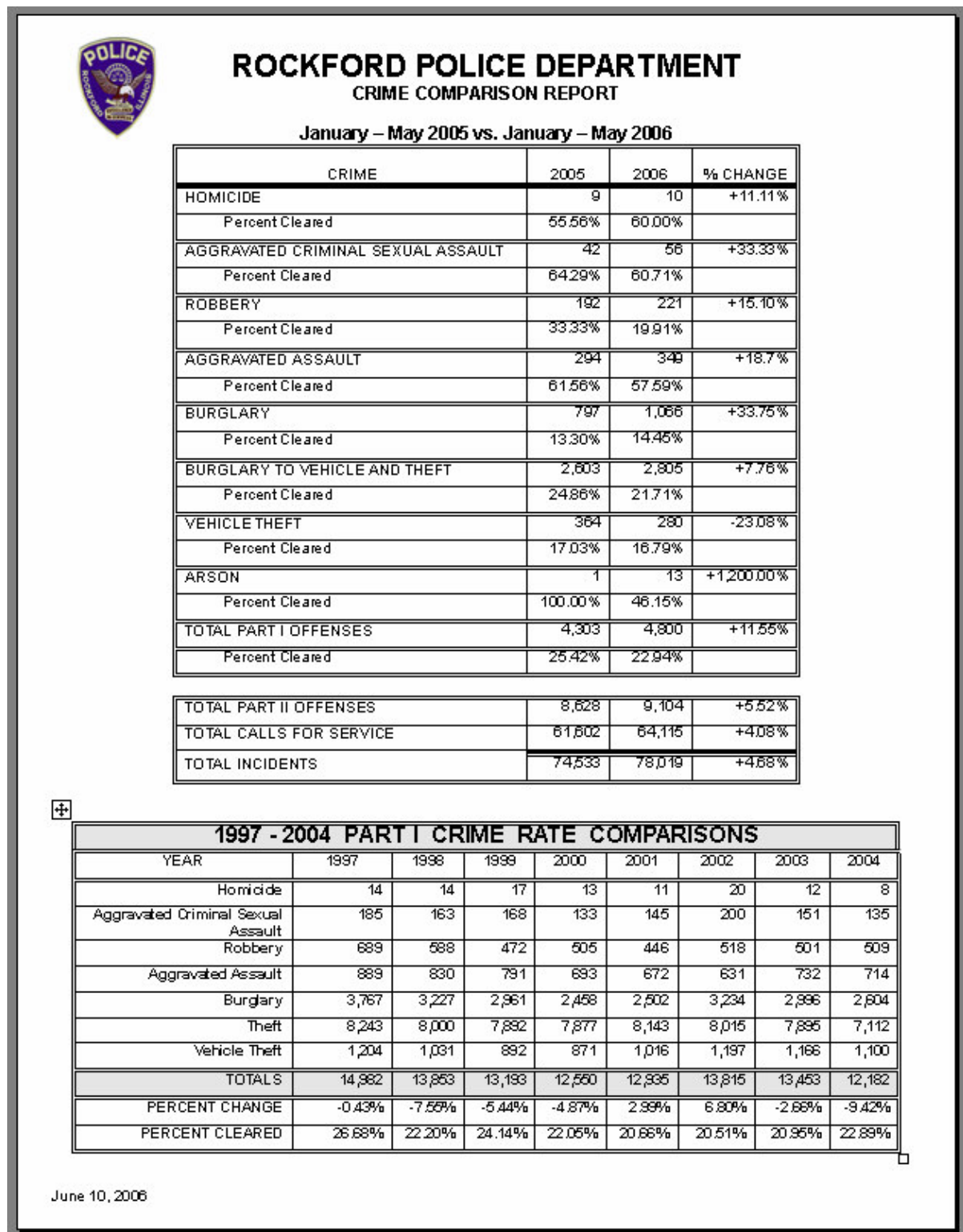


Fig. 3 cont.

Code	Offense Description	# of Offenses	Unfounded	Total	Offenses Cleared by			% Cleared
					Arrest	Exception	Total	
	Group B							
90A	Bad Checks			0			0	
90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	171		171	168		168	98.2%
90C	Disorderly Conduct	589	2	587	234	57	291	49.6%
90D	Driving Under the Influence	282		282	282		282	100.0%
90E	Drunkenness			0			0	
90F	Non-Violent Family Offenses	1,000	1	999	100	101	201	20.1%
90G	Liquor Law Violations	217	1	216	217	1	218	100.9%
90H	Peeping Tom			0			0	
90I	Runaway	510		510	14	1	15	2.9%
90J	Trespass of Real Property	323		323	244	10	254	78.6%
90Z	All Other Offenses	4,143		4,143	3,848	83	3,931	94.9%
	*Service Calls	4,259		4,259	2,216	39	2,255	52.9%
	TOTALS	11,494	4	11,490	7,323	292	5,360	46.6%

Total Number of Incidents this period: 17,517

Total Number of People Arrested this period: 6,929

In NIBRS reporting, up to 10 of the most serious offenses can be reported per incident. Each code will be reported once even though there may be more than one victim per offense. The clearance of an incident by an arrest or exceptional means clears all offenses within that incident.

* Service Calls include traffic offenses, information for Police, medical assist, service to other agencies, etc.

In conclusion, reporting NIBRS will provide the Rockford Police Department with a clear picture of the crime that is happening in our city. The data captured in a typical police report when analyzed with other available databases such as parolee, gang members or sex offenders can identify trends and problem areas and help lower crime in Rockford.